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SIREN ACTIVATION SLIGHTLY DELAYED TODAY IN WEEKLY TEST Sirens Were Activated; System Under Maintenance Check Now

(COLUMBUS, OHIO) – The Franklin County Outdoor Warning Siren System was activated a few minutes late today in the regularly scheduled Wednesday noontime test; the system is under a maintenance check now. A technical problem related to radio interference which interrupted the siren activation was detected earlier this morning by Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEM&HS), which operates the radio-controlled countywide system. FCEM&HS is working on the problem now and will distribute updated information on the status of the sirens as more is known.

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security is a local government agency which coordinates county-wide emergency/disaster planning, education, warning, response and recovery.